

CLAIMS:

1. A dental device comprising a sheath for fitting over a tooth, the sheath carrying a haemostatic agent in at least one region thereof, wherein the sheath comprises a generally cylindrical body having at least a first end and a second end, at least one of said first and second ends presenting a circumferential margin carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent, and wherein the at least one end carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent is open to a cavity and the other end is closed.
2. A dental device according to claim 1, wherein the cavity progressively narrows from its open end towards the closed end.
3. A dental device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the cavity is dome-shaped at its closed end.
4. A dental device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said closed end is constructed to yield upon application of pressure.
5. A dental device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the generally cylindrical body comprises a wall between said first and second ends at least part of the cylindrical wall being stiffened.
6. A dental device according to claim 5, wherein the cylindrical wall is stiffened by application of a suitable non-toxic material.
7. A dental device according to claim 6, wherein the non-toxic material is gelatin.
8. A set of dental devices according to any preceding claim, the devices in the set being of different sizes.

9. A set according to claim 8, wherein the devices are colour coded to denote their respective sizes.
10. A method of inhibiting or preventing gingival bleeding, the method comprising
5 placing over a tooth, a device according to any one of claims 1 to 7.
11. A method of retracting gingivae, the method comprising placing over a tooth a device according to any one of claims 1 to 7 and, optionally, applying pressure to the device.